

SFRTA/Tri-Rail 2006-2010 Transit Development Plan

The SFRTA 2006-2010 Transit Development Plan is being developed in a two-phased approach. Phase 1, which is the portion before the SFRTA Board of Directors today, focuses exclusively on Tri-Rail's operating and capital feeder bus needs and Phase 2 will be the development of a Regional TDP. This phased approach is also supported by the Florida Department of Transportation District IV staff, in order to allow additional time for the region's transportation stakeholders to develop the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, of which the Regional TDP will be based.

Work on the SFRTA/Tri-Rail 2006-10 TDP started in December 2004 and an update on the plan was provided to the SFRTA Board of Directors in February 2005. The SFRTA/Tri-Rail 2006-10 TDP is a five-year plan that addresses the capital and operational needs of the existing Tri-Rail system and supportive feeder bus services. A TDP is required by FDOT from transit agencies that provide public transit services in order to become eligible for State Public Transit Block Grant funds. Board adoption and subsequent FDOT review and approval of this TDP will ensure that the SFRTA can secure a minimum of \$469,000 in State Transit Block Grant Funds for its feeder bus services on an annual basis based on existing service.

The TDP is to be updated annually and submitted to FDOT by July 1 of each year. The annual review and revision may be limited to retirements and extensions of the previously adopted five-year program. Major updates, to be completed every third year, shall include all elements of a full TDP development, similar to this year's scope of activities.

Florida law requires that all Public Transit Block Grants received by a transit agency be utilized by the agency for its own bus and bus-related/services/facilities. A list of all of the SFRTA's identified Tri-Rail Feeder Bus and bus-related facility needs are delineated in the attached SFRTA 2006-10 TDP Executive Summary. These recommended feeder bus routes are in addition to the fixed-route improvements that are included in the respective counties TDPs to support the 20-minute service beginning in March 2006. The SFRTA can utilize its Public Transit Block Grants toward any of these listed projects, some of which are scheduled for implementation during FY 2005-06 to meet the completion of Tri-Rail's Double Track Corridor Improvement Program.

The SFRTA Board of Directors approved the SFRTA/Tri-Rail 2006-2010 Transit Development Plan at the May 27, 2005 meeting.